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## RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 18, 2007 in the above-identified application, the Applicants respectfully submit the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.